

Hospitalized: Vic Aloisio
Home from Hospital: Kylee Caldwell

Please pray for church members, their friends and families

Church Family

Vic Aloisio	Amber Smith	John Konsowitz	Cecilia Hostetter
Brianna O'Rouke	Sue Rector	Dot Gallagher	Sheila Fraser-Derfler
Henry Henderson	Pam Rudisill		

WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

Last Call: Vision 2030. We want your input as we shape the future of our church community. Links to complete our Vision 2030 survey are available in the weekly email and at www.lcumc.net. If you prefer a paper copy, they are available on the bookcase outside the Sanctuary restrooms.

Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm. All ages are invited for trunk-or-treating, games, bounce houses and our famous Chili Cook-off! We're also raising money for the children's food program at Nothing but the Truth.

- **Decorate your trunk!** Our goal is to fill the parking lot with trunks for kids to visit. Mark your connection card or email Crystal (crystalbarnes@lcumc.net).
- **Donate Candy.** Candy must be individually wrapped and can be left in the labeled bin in the OFLC.
- **Bring a crock-pot of chili, a salad or a dessert.** Mark your connection card.

Children's Choir and Student Ministry will NOT meet tonight due to Fall Break. Both will be back to regular rehearsal and meeting times next Sunday.

Club 345 Roller Skating! 3rd – 5th graders are invited for an evening of Roller Skating on Friday, October 18. Drop off at 6:00 pm at Skate Country in Buford. Bring \$12 for skating & \$3 for skate rental. Dinner is included. Mark your Connection Card to RSVP.

Christmas Choir. Perhaps you can't sing with the choir on a regular basis, but you can join in singing for the Christmas Season. The Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 15th for both worship services. The Christmas Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 30. Come join the fun! (tracieginsberg@lcumc.net)

Electronic Giving During Worship. To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

**HOW MUCH
IS
ENOUGH?**

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Rev. Elaine Wilder, Pastor
Crystal Barnes, Family Ministries
Lisha Mendez, Connect + Serve

Tracie Ginsberg, Music Ministry
Andrei Gitan, Musician
Beth Ann Wise, Musician

Rev. DeDe Leetch, Pastor Emeritus
Paul Ellis, Finance Administrator
Kimberly Allard, Office Administrator

Order of Worship

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Prelude Beth Ann Wise

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elaine Wilder

Entrance of the Light of Christ Acolyte

*Call to Worship

Let us call upon God's name and give thanks.

Let us celebrate God's care for all people.

Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.

May our hearts be filled with wisdom and wonder.

Be with us God as we worship and pray.

Be with us God and grant us your mercy. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103 (vs 1, 3, 4)

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music "The Time for Turning" Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Elaine Wilder

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Scripture Matthew 20: 1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

***Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140 (vs 1, 3)

Sermon Why Do Bad Things Happen? Rev. Elaine Wilder

***Response to the Word** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389 (vs 1)

***Benediction** Rev. Elaine Wilder

***Recessional** "May the Road Rise to Meet You"
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Join us for Coffee + Connection at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.